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1. EACH DAY CONTINUES TO BRING FORTH AT LEAST ONE ANTI-LIBYAN PRESS ITEM. AKHBAR, AUGUST 3 REPORTED NEW OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO EGYPT BY AWLAD ALI SHAIKHS, AND ALI AMIN WROTE THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS DRAFTED STRONGLY WORDED LETTER TO "AN AB HEAD OF STATE". FOLLOWING DAY ALL PAPERS REPORTED 55 AWLAN ALI SHAIKHS AGAIN PLEDGED ALLEGIANCE TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND DENOUNCED FALSE REPORTS IN LIBYAN MEDIA. ON AUGUST 5, AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA RELATE ALLEGED ASSAULT AT RALLUM OF GOE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND EGYPTIAN DOCTOR WHO HAD ARRIVED TO VACCINATE CUSTOMS STAFF. REPORTEDLY, TWO LIBYAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS INSULTED AND BEAT THEM AND THEIR DRIVER. THEY ALSO THREW ROCKS AT EGYPTIANS.

2. ALL PAPERS AUGUST 4 CARRIED ITEM WHICH, IF TRUE, INDICATES MAJOR GOE POLICY DECISION VIS A VIS LIBYA. ACCORDING TO PRESS, NO NEW CONTRACTS OR "SECONDMENTS" OF GOE OR PUBLIC SECTOR PERSONNEL WILL BE APPROVED. PRESENT CONTRACTS MAY BE RENEWED FOR MAXIMUM OF FOUR YEARS OF TOTAL SERVICE. TRAVEL TO LIBYA BYGOEAND PUBLIC SECTOR PERSONNEL FOR TOURISM OR TO VISIT RELATIVES IS PROHIBITED. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY TO ACCOMPANY

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"SECONDMENTS"

SPOUSE IS PERMITTED ONLY FOR PERIOD OF SECONDMENT.

WORKERS FROM EGYPTIAN COMPANIES UNDETAKING PROJECTS IN LIBYA
"WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THIS COUNTRY PROVIDED THEY ARE
DELEGATED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPANIES."
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